



# SOCIAL STUDIES

FOR FAMILIES

**Y**OU ARE your child's first teacher. Learn how to support the goals of Oklahoma's academic standards and why they are important for your child. Please be in regular communication with your child's teachers about learning in the classroom and how to support that learning at home. When schools and families work together as partners, it helps your child achieve academic excellence!

## SECOND GRADE

### What to expect:

In second grade, children begin to ask bigger and deeper questions as their learning continues to grow. New and exciting learning experiences in the classroom take shape as they learn about citizenship, economics, geography and history by asking questions about the world around them. They are interested in how things work and do well with hands-on tasks. Second-graders also enjoy learning through games. Their listening skills are growing, which increases their ability to participate in class discussions.

This information is a snapshot of learning in second-grade social studies. For a complete set of social studies academic standards, click [here](https://sde.ok.gov/oklahoma-academic-standards) or visit [sde.ok.gov/oklahoma-academic-standards](https://sde.ok.gov/oklahoma-academic-standards).

### By the end of the school year, your child will:

- Summarize the five key individual rights and liberties protected by the First Amendment.
- Identify the roles of national leaders including the President of the United States and members of Congress.
- Describe the relationship between taxes and community services.
- Research examples of honesty, courage, patriotism, self-sacrifice and other positive character traits in citizens and leaders from history (for example, Abigail Adams, Abraham Lincoln and Rosa Parks).
- Locate the state of Oklahoma, its major cities and the states bordering it on a map.
- Identify landforms and bodies of water in the community and on a map.

### What to do at home:

- Discuss community services like fire stations and schools that are paid by taxes.
- Find examples of First Amendment rights in current events.
- Read short biographies with your child.
- Visit bodies of water and landforms like plateaus, valleys and hills.
- Discuss ways people pay for goods and services: cash, credit or trade.
- Locate Oklahoma and bordering states on a map.



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### Fostering Curiosity

Children are naturally curious and motivated to learn about things that interest them. Since curiosity contributes to success in the classroom, it is important to encourage it at home. Play is a wonderful way to nurture curiosity in young children, so be sure to allow plenty of playtime. Encourage your child to ask questions, discover answers and explore the world.

Cultivate your child's curiosity with guiding questions like these:

- What do you notice or wonder about in your community?
- What new words or new things have you discovered?
- How can you solve the problems you see?

Your child will have plenty of questions. It's okay if you don't have the answer every time. The best response is always, "Let's find out together."

### Fostering Communication

Increase vocabulary, thinking skills and curiosity by using new words and having conversations that include questions that make your child think. Communicating with others gives children a chance to see and understand that there can be more than one idea on a given subject. Accepting these different ideas helps children learn how to get along with others. This acceptance fosters positive relationships with peers and strong self-image.

Cultivate your child's communication skills with questions like these:

- If you switched places with your teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?
- What was the best thing that happened today? What was the worst?
- Did you learn something that challenged you today or was there something you didn't understand?

### Fostering Comprehension

As children continue to strengthen their reading skills, they benefit from reading independently and with adults. Exposing children to a variety of print materials such as books, magazines, etc., allows them to explore new words and ideas. Use the following questions to help your child better understand what he or she is reading.

#### BEFORE READING

- What do you think this book is about?
- What do you think will happen?
- What kind of book is this?

#### DURING READING

- What do you think will happen next?
- Where and when does the story take place?
- What do you notice about the characters?

#### AFTER READING

- Why do you think the author wrote this book?
- What happened in the beginning, middle and end?
- What was your favorite part of the book?

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